



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
John F. Germ, International President 2016-2017

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This Week's Program: May 25, 2017

Search and Rescue Dogs of PA
Speaker: **Vicky Wooters**

Next Week's Program: June 1, 2017

Chester County SPCA Project
Led by **Rob Malone**

MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

President Bob Rogers opened the meeting at 12:17 and we cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past president **Katie Martin** gave the invocation. She thought it would be good to add to our Rotary 4-way test so she shared the 18 rules of living by the Dalai Lama. We all sang "God Bless America".

Next we had our "What do you know?" moment with **Brad Abel**... it got the usual groan...

We had 2 visiting Rotarians: All the way from Seoul Korea, we were blessed with Gary Hewitt's presence. We also had Bill McDougal visiting from the Longwood club.

There were many guests in attendance: **Winnie Stroup** (and Cynthia) brought their friend, Jenny Reddick. **Dan Wilson** had his son Aidan with him. Aidan is home for the summer and looking for an engineering internship. **Cathy Palmquist** introduced Bill Rettew from Daily Local News. We had several guests celebrating our student scholarship winners: Holly Brady and her mother Georgette, Maureen Wallace from East high school, Brynn Connell and her parents. **Ernest Zlotolow** brought a whole group of people for the presentation that day.

Important upcoming dates:

May 25 is the Blue Rocks game

June 3rd is an "afternoon with Dick Vermeil"

June 22 is our big Presidential installation

July 26 - Rotary Night at the Phillies

In other announcements we heard that **Rob Malone** has a bag in the back of the room to collect items for the SPCA. Last week was a great "meeting" with the pulled pork challenge hosted at **Bill Winters** home. The club raised over \$1800 and the big winner was **Brad Abel**. The Board retreat was held last week and the board used the surveys to assist them with a very productive meeting.

The 50-50 was won by **Sue Flynn** who gave her proceeds to CARS when she found the Queen!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Our program today has three parts. First, **Phil McFadden** gave his classification talk. Phil was born and raised here in Chester County. His first job was as a coat check clerk at the Marshalton Inn that his Uncle Jack owned, when he was 12. He attended West Chester University for premed and got a degree in Science and Chemistry. But he decided he didn't want to go into medicine and instead went into radio. He worked at WCOJ, covering the county commissioner meetings.

Phil enjoys cooking and golf, has recently started a new hobby of carving wooden spoons and owns a 64 Corvair. Phil often noticed the Rotary pins and considered them to represent someone he respected and who was a pillar in the community. He joined Rotary in 2008 in the Sunrise club where he served as president. He's proud of his accomplishment in leading the club to partner with the WEGO club in establishing the Duck Race and Souper Bowl events.

Phil transitioned into elder care fourteen years ago and has been owner of Home Instead for 10 years. Home Instead offers an important service of nonmedical care that allows people to age in their homes for longer than they could on their own.

Linda Hicks led the second part of our program, presenting the scholarships to Holly Brady and Brynn Connell. Holly is graduating from East High School and is president of East's Interact Club. She joined Interact as a freshman because she wanted to be part of something bigger than herself. Among her many service projects she has been a part of CARE, Alex's Lemonade Stand, and an international project. Brynn is graduating from Rustin and is president of Rustin's Interact Club. Her service has often involved children and has worked at a camp for children and volunteers at Gaudenzia House, playing with the children of the moms in recovery there. She is passionate about recruiting others into Interact and

other service opportunities.

Ernst Zlotolow led the last part of our program. He explained how the West Chester Rotary Foundation CORS program is partnering with the Global Medical Relief Fund, the Powell Family Foundation, and private individuals to pay for the expenses of children while they visit the United States for free medical treatment at Shriner's Hospital. He introduced Ester Rwela, a program manager and social welfare officer from Under the Same Sun, who then introduced us to four of the children ranging in ages from 6 to 14, here from Tanzania for rehabilitation: Mwigulu Magesa, Baraka Lusambo, Emmanuel Rutema, and Pendo Noni. Ester explained about how each child, who has albinism, suffered from violence because people in their country sell limbs from people with albinism on the black market. Government officials often look the other way and tacitly allow the practice of selling limbs to continue. In addition to helping the children, her organization is working to create public awareness and cause the government to address the issue. They are making progress in that there is a decrease in incidents in Tanzania, but there is an increase in neighboring countries.

Elissa Montanti, founder and director of Global Medical Relief Fund was also our guest at this meeting.

Since inception last October, the CORS program has rehabilitated 12 children and is poised to continue this impactful work.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Long time Rotarian and past Mayor of West Chester, **Dick Yoder**, is being remembered by The Chester County Sports Hall of Fame with the awarding of the inaugural Richard B. Yoder High School Scholar-Athlete Award on Saturday June 3. This award recognizes a male and female high school senior who is an accomplished athlete, scholar and leader, qualities that defined Dick Yoder's life. The event will be held from 4:00 - 6:30 at the West Chester Golf and Country Club. The awards will be presented by former Eagles coach, Dick Vermeil, a long-time friend of Dick Yoder's. Additional information and tickets for the event can be obtained by contacting Michael Peich at mpeich12@gmail.com

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School

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THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Faith Woodward at Barclay Friends

INVOCATION REMINDER

The invocation will be given by
Carol Hanson 5/25

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Presidential Gala is Thursday, June 22, in the evening at WCGCC. Several volunteers are needed to help with organization, set up and check out. This *does not* involve soliciting businesses for items for the auction. Interested persons please contact Glen Sweet at gsweet510@verizon.net or at a weekly meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

May 25 Rotary at the Blue Rocks
June 22 Presidential Installation
June 26 Rotary Night @ the Phillies

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

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